

IN THE CLAIMS

The pending claims are as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) A shaving apparatus having a skin contact surface accommodating at least one cutting unit that comprises an external cutting member, a matching internal cutting member, a shaving aid additive, said shaving aid additive being one of a liquid, a gel, a foam, a cream, and a water-soluble hard material, and a device for providing the shaving aid additive to said skin contact surface,

wherein said shaving apparatus further comprises shaving aid additive retaining means provided on at least part of said skin contact surface, wherein the shaving aid additive retaining means comprises at least one groove for preventing the shaving aid additive from entering apertures in the external cutting member when said device for providing the shaving aid additive provides the shaving aid additive during a shaving operation being performed by said shaving apparatus,

wherein said at least one cutting unit is of the rotary type, said external cutting member being an external annular cutting member,

and wherein said shaving aid additive retaining means is provided on a portion of the skin contact surface enclosed by the external annular cutting member of the at least one cutting unit.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Previously Presented) The shaving apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said shaving aid additive retaining means further comprises at least one ridge extending around a center of the skin contact surface enclosed by the annular cutting member of the at least one cutting unit.

4-5. (Cancelled).

6-12. (Cancelled).

13. (Cancelled).

14-22. (Cancelled)

23. (Withdrawn) The shaving apparatus of claim 2, wherein the skin contact surface provided with said first shaving aid means is the surface of a decorative cap.

24. (Withdrawn) The shaving apparatus of claim 23, wherein the decorative cap has a generally domed shape.

25. (Withdrawn) The shaving apparatus of claim 23, wherein the decorative cap has a low friction surface.

26. (Withdrawn) The shaving apparatus of claim 2, wherein second shaving aid retaining means are provided on the skin contact surface surrounding the at least one cutting unit.

27. (Withdrawn) The shaving apparatus of claim 26, wherein the second shaving aid retaining means comprise at least one groove surrounding the external stationary annular cutting member of the at least one cutting unit.

28. (Withdrawn) The shaving apparatus of claim 26, wherein the skin contact surface is the surface of a skin support member having a socket for each cutting unit and wherein a ring-shaped element is placed in each of said sockets and encloses a corresponding cutting unit, a shaving aid retaining groove being at least partly provided at the junction of said ring-shaped element and the surrounding skin support member.

29. (Withdrawn) The shaving apparatus of claim 28, wherein at least the top surface of each ring-shaped element surrounding a cutting unit is a low-friction surface.

30. (Withdrawn) The shaving apparatus of claim 1, wherein said at least one cutting unit is an elongate cutting unit of the vibrating type having a perforated foil as an external cutting member, and wherein shaving aid retaining means are provided along at least one of the sides of the at least one cutting unit.

31. (Withdrawn) The shaving apparatus of claim 30, wherein said at least one of the sides comprises at least one long side of at least one cutting unit.

32. (Withdrawn) The shaving apparatus of claim 30, wherein a frame is provided having a recess for each cutting unit and having frame sections extending along the cutting units, said frame sections at least partly forming skin contact surfaces provided with shaving aid retaining means.

33. (Withdrawn) The shaving apparatus of claim 30, wherein at least two cutting units are provided, each having a perforated foil extending at least partly over at least one intermediate skin contact surface between two adjacent cutting units, wherein said intermediate skin contact surface is provided with shaving aid retaining means.

34. (Withdrawn) The shaving apparatus of claim 33, wherein the foils of two adjacent cutting units extend over an intermediate skin contact surface forming a strip-shaped area between their adjacent edges, and wherein shaving aid retaining means are provided at said strip-shaped area.

35. (Withdrawn) The shaving apparatus of claim 30, wherein said shaving aid retaining means comprise a number of ridges and/or

grooves or a pattern of dimples extending substantially parallel to the elongate cutting units.

36. (Canceled).

37. (Withdrawn) A frame for the shaving apparatus of claim 30, said frame having a recess for at least one elongate cutting unit and further having frame sections extending along said at least one cutting unit, said frame sections at least partly forming skin contact surfaces provided with shaving aid retaining means.

38. (Withdrawn) The shaving apparatus of claim 30, wherein said shaving aid retaining means comprise elongate ridges and/or grooves, or a pattern of dimples.